AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A review facility for providing a document an item for collaborative review by a plurality of reviewers and collecting comments from reviewers, said review facility comprising:

preparation means for preparing a document an item for interactive review;

means for making prepared documents [[items]] available for interactive collaborative review;

means for collecting comments on blocks of text in elements of said prepared documents [[items]] from said interactive collaborative review; and

means for distributing collected said comments from said interactive collaborative review.

2. (currently amended) A review facility as in claim 1 wherein the means for preparing said document [[item]] for interactive review comprises:

selection means for selecting and retrieving said document [[item]]; and

means for formatting retrieved said documents [[items]].

3. (currently amended) A review facility as in claim 2 wherein the means for formatting said documents [[items]] identifies individual said blocks of text elements within said document [[item]], reviewers providing comments on ones of said individual blocks of text elements.

4. (currently amended) A review facility as in claim 3 where said document [[item]] is a software source code block, said individual blocks of text elements are individual lines of said source code, and said formatting means further builds a comment file, collected comments on code lines being contained in said comment file.

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5. (currently amended) A review facility as in claim 3 where said ~~item is a document, said individual elements are individual blocks of text of said document, and said~~ formatting means further builds a comment file, collected comments on blocks of code being contained in said comment file.

6. (currently amended) A review facility as in claim 1 wherein the means for collecting comments comprises:

        means for providing <u>documents</u> [[items]] to reviewers; and

        reviewer selection means for selecting said <u>documents</u> [[items]] for review responsive to reviewer selection.

7. (currently amended) A review facility as in claim 6 wherein the <u>document</u> [[item]] being reviewed is source code for software and <u>blocks of text</u> ~~elements~~ of said source code are individual lines of code.

8. (currently amended) A review facility as in claim 6 wherein the <u>document</u> [[item]] being reviewed is a <u>text file</u> ~~document and elements of said document are individual blocks of text~~.

9. (previously presented) A review facility as in claim 1, wherein said means for distributing collected said comments makes collected said comments available for further interactive collaborative review, said review facility further comprising:

        means for conducting a formal review, said formal review considering collected comments provided by reviewers participating in said formal review and previously distributed to said reviewers by said means for distributing collected comments.

10. (currently amended) A method of reviewing <u>a document</u> ~~an item~~ being prepared for distribution, said method comprising the steps of:

        a)   preparing <u>a document</u> ~~an item~~ for interactive review;

        b)   making said prepared <u>document</u> [[item]] available to a plurality of reviewers for comments on <u>blocks of text</u> ~~item elements~~, ones of said plurality of reviewers returning comments on said prepared <u>document</u> [[item]]; and

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c)   conducting a formal review meeting of said plurality of reviewers, whereby one or more of the previously provided comments sufficiently provides attending reviewers awareness of a particular condition with respect to said <u>document</u> [[item]] that said comment may be addressed in said <u>document</u> [[item]] prior to said formal review meeting, such that further action is unnecessary at the time of said formal review with respect to said particular condition and each corresponding said comment.

11. (currently amended) A method as in claim 10 wherein the step (a) of preparing said <u>document</u> [[item]] for interactive review comprises the steps of:

     i)   retrieving said <u>document</u> [[item]] for review;

     ii)   formatting said <u>document</u> [[item]], individual <u>blocks of text</u> ~~item elements~~ being identified for comment in said formatted <u>document</u> [[item]].

12. (currently amended) A method as in claim 11 wherein said <u>document</u> [[item]] is source code and said formatting step ii) identifies individual lines of source code for comments and further, builds a comment file, comments provided on said lines of source code being contained in said comment file.

13. (currently amended) A method as in claim 11 wherein said ~~item is a~~ document <u>is a text file</u> and said formatting step ii) ~~identifies individual blocks of text in said document for comments and further,~~ builds a comment file, comments provided on said blocks of text being contained in said comment file.

14. (currently amended) A method as in claim 10 wherein the step (b) of making the prepared <u>document</u> [[item]] available for comments comprises for each reviewer the steps of:

     i)   selecting said <u>document</u> [[item]];

     ii)   reviewing comments on said selected <u>document</u> [[item]];

     iii)   determining whether said selected <u>document</u> [[item]] warrants additional comments;

     iv)   distributing warranted additional comments on said selected <u>document</u> [[item]]; and

v)   repeating steps (i-iv) until all <u>documents</u> [[items]] for review have been selected.

15. (currently amended) A method as in claim 14 wherein said <u>document</u> [[item]] is source code and <u>said blocks of text</u> ~~elements~~ in said <u>document</u> [[item]] are lines in said source code, comments on any of said lines being contained in a comment file.

16. (currently amended) A method as in claim 14 wherein said ~~item is a~~ document <u>is a text file</u> and ~~elements in said document are blocks of text,~~ comments on any of said blocks of text <u>are</u> [[being]] contained in a comment file.

17. (currently amended) A method as in claim 14 wherein <u>documents</u> [[items]] are stored in a central repository and the step (i) of selecting said <u>document</u> [[item]] comprises connecting over the Internet to said central repository and accessing said <u>document</u> [[item]].

18. (original) A method as in claim 10 wherein returned comments are available for display by reviewers upon receipt.

19. (currently amended) A computer program product for presenting <u>a document</u> ~~an item~~ for collaborative review by a plurality of reviewers and collecting comments from reviewers, said computer program product comprising a computer usable medium having computer readable program code thereon, said computer readable program code comprising:

      computer program code means for preparing <u>a document</u> ~~an item~~ for collaborative review;

      computer program code means for collecting comments on prepared <u>documents</u> [[items]];

      computer program code means for distributing comments to reviewers; and

      computer program code means for presenting prepared <u>documents</u> [[items]] for formal review, said formal review considering collected comments provided by reviewers, whereby reviewers participating in said formal review are aware of collected said comments previously distributed to said reviewers.

20. (currently amended) A computer program product as in claim 19 wherein the computer program code means for preparing said document [[item]] for interactive collaborative review comprises:

computer program code selection means for selecting and retrieving said document [[item]]; and

computer program code means for formatting retrieved said documents [[items]].

21. (currently amended) A computer program product as in claim 20 wherein the computer program code means for formatting said document [[item]] identifies individual said blocks of text elements within said document [[item]], reviewers providing comments on ones of said individual blocks of text elements.

22. (currently amended) A computer program product as in claim 21 where said document [[item]] is a software source code block, said individual blocks of text elements are individual lines of said source code, and said computer program code means for formatting further builds a comment file, collected comments on code lines being contained in said comment file.

23. (currently amended) A computer program product as in claim 21 where said item is a document is a text file, said individual elements are individual blocks of text of said document, and said computer program code means for formatting further builds a comment file, collected comments on blocks of code being contained in said comment file.

24. (currently amended) A computer program product as in claim 19 wherein the computer program code means for collecting comments comprises:

computer program code means for providing documents [[items]] to reviewers; and

computer program code means for selecting said documents [[items]] for review responsive to reviewer selection.

25. (currently amended) A computer program product as in claim 24 wherein the document [[item]] being reviewed is source code for software and blocks of text elements of said source code are individual lines of code.

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26. (currently amended) A computer program product as in claim 24 wherein the <u>document</u> [[item]] being reviewed is a <s>document and elements of said document are individual blocks of</s> text <u>file</u>.

27. (currently amended) A computer-readable medium having stored thereon a plurality of instructions, the plurality of instructions including instructions which, when executed by a processor, cause the processor to:

    a)   prepare <u>a document</u> <s>an item</s> for interactive review;

    b)   make said prepared <u>document</u> [[item]] available to a plurality of reviewers for comments on <u>blocks of text</u> <s>item elements</s>;

    c)   receive comments from ones of said plurality of reviewers; and

    d)   present said <u>document</u> [[item]] and received said comments for a formal review meeting of said plurality of reviewers, whereby one or more of the previously provided comments sufficiently provides attending reviewers awareness of a particular condition with respect to said <u>document</u> [[item]] that said comment may be addressed in said <u>document</u> [[item]] prior to said formal review meeting, such that further action is unnecessary at the time of said formal review with respect to said particular condition and each corresponding said comment.

28. (currently amended) A computer readable medium as in claim 27 wherein the instruction step (a) of preparing said <u>document</u> [[item]] for interactive review causes the processor to:

    i)   selectively retrieve said <u>document</u> [[item]] for review; and

    ii)   format said <u>document</u> [[item]], individual <u>said blocks of text</u> <s>item elements</s> being identified for comment in said formatted <u>document</u> [[item]].

29. (currently amended) A computer readable medium as in claim 28 wherein said <u>document</u> [[item]] is a text file and said formatting step ii) causes said processor to identify individual blocks of text in said text file for comments and further, build a comment file, comments provided on said blocks of text being contained in said comment file.

30. (currently amended) A computer readable medium as in claim 28 wherein said <u>document</u> [[item]] is source code and said formatting step ii) causes said processor to identify individual

lines of source code for comments and further, build a common file, comments provided on said lines of source code being contained in said comment file.

31. (currently amended) A computer readable medium as in claim 27 wherein <u>documents are located</u> [[items]] in a central repository and the step i) of <u>selectively retrieving said document</u> ~~selecting said item~~ causes the processor to connect over the Internet to said central repository and access said <u>document</u> [[item]].